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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): A hand tool, comprising:

a head portion having two jaw portions pivotally connected with each other by a pivot pin;

a handle portion pivotally mounted on the head portion and having two holding grips each having a first end pivotally mounted on an end of a respective one of the two jaw portions of the head portion by a positioning pin and a second end formed with a counterbore;

a mounting tube [fixedly] mounted in the counterbore of [on] the second end of a first one of the two holding grips of the handle portion;

a push rod [fixedly] mounted in the counterbore of [on] the second end of a second one of the two holding grips of the handle portion and slidably mounted in the mounting tube; and

an elastic member mounted in the mounting tube and urged between the mounting tube and the push rod.

Claim 2 (original): The hand tool in accordance with claim 1, wherein the mounting tube is substantially arc-shaped.

Claim 3 (original): The hand tool in accordance with claim 1, wherein the push rod is substantially arc-shaped.